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SUBJECT:CHANGES IN US MILITARY COMMAND STRUCTURE

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY AND COMUSJ CONCERN ABOUT
IMPORTANCE OF EARLY BRIEFING OF GOJ ON UPCOMING CHANGES
IN COMMAND STRUCTURE IN JAPAN, AND WE ARE DOING UTMOST TO
ENSURE THAT THERE IS AMPLE TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH
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GOJ BEFORE PLANS BECOME PUBLIC. NEVERTHELESS INFORMATION
THAT EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS CONCERNS
ONLY VERY TENTATIVE PLANS WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE REVISED

SUBSTANTIALLY BEFORE FIRM DECISIONS ARE MADE. MOREOVER, CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS ON MARCH 1 WILL ;NOTTOUCH ON ANY OF THESE PLANS IN ANY DETAIL. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT STATEMENT (SUBJECT TO MINOR REVISION) WHICH COVERS ASPECTS OF BRIEFING DEALING WITH JAPAN AND PACIFIC:

2. QUOTE: PLANNED AND ACCOMPLISHED REDUCTIONS FOR AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS IN THE PACIFIC ARE SIGNIFICANT. IN HAWAII, PACAF HEADQUARTERS WILL BE DISESTABLISHED AND THE PRIME RESPONSIBILITIES MOVED TO THE TACTICAL AIR COMMAND WITH A REDUCTION OF OVER 1400 HEADQUARTERS MANPOWER SPACES IN

HAWAII. THE FUTURE COMMAND AND CONTROL HEADQUARTERS STRUCTURE IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC IS STILL UNDER REVIEW. CONSOLIDATIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION WILL YIELD SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS. THESE PLANS WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND UPON COMPLETION OF THIS REVIEW PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH THE CONCERNED FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. DOD WILL PROVIDE CONGRESS A SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON THIS PLAN FOR A REDUCED WESTERN PACIFIC USAF HEADQUARTERS STRUCTURE. END QUOTE.

3. IN VIEW ABOVE WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE MISLEADING, AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO BRIEF GOJ AT THIS TIME AS PROPOSED BY EMBASSY AND COMUSJ.

4. AIR FORCE COMMAND CHANGES (STATE 29477) ARE STILL UNDER-REVIEW IN DOD AND SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO STATE WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS. EMBASSY TOKYO AND OTHER FIELD COMMENTS ARE BEING FULLY CONSIDERED, AND WE WILL KEEP YOU ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS. KISSINGER

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